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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **OPTIMIZING SWITCHING ELEMENT FOR MINIMAL LATENCY**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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None

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint **John T. Peoples** (Reg. No. 28,250) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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